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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Collateral Support Division, NPIC

SUBJECT : Proposed Target Imagery Program

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chief, CSD/NPIC
Subject as above, dated 29 July 1965
Copy No. 4, Control No.

1. This Staff has reviewed Subject Program as presented in the attachment to the reference.

2. This Staff continually investigates new equipment and procedures in the area of information/data handling. However, we feel that a comprehensive study should be made prior to the adoption of a new program or of a major change in existing programs. This study must determine (1) what is required, (2) what we now have, and (3) what change, if any, is needed to result in a thoroughly integrated and workable system which will provide the necessary information at the desired time.

3. The following specific comments and questions, derived from our review are included for your information:

a. There is no reference (X-Y-Z) to the principle point of the original frame from which the imagery has been taken.

b. It would be desirable to include the approximate scale of the imagery.

c. How will the TIP tie in with an on-line system other than closed circuit television or video tape recording, neither of which have adequate resolution?


d. There is no compatibility between TIP and the proposed NPIC photo chip system which has been coordinated with CODIB (Committee on Documentation of the U.S. Intelligence Board). The TIP will require a new family of read-out equipment (viewers, stereoscopes, comparators, etc.)

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e. The TIP does not indicate the derivation of the Target Category Subject (See page 4 of the attachment to the reference). Is this an existing assignment system?


f. Page 1 of the attachment to the reference lists seven statements under the title "Why TIP?" Item 1 is more of a condensed statement of the mission of the NPIC rather than a justification for TIP. Item 5 requires more detail because it implies that we now have no system for presenting target imagery to P.I.'s. Item 6 is not factual because there are undoubtedly more approaches than the one that has been presented as the TIP. Item 7 is also obvious but does not state why "TIP" must be used to the exclusion of all other possible systems.

4. We recognize the need for interim solutions such as the TIP program, such measures should be thought of only as interim solutions. It is both the mission and desire of the Plans and Development Staff to provide technical support to NPIC components to more efficiently implement programs of this type. It is requested that you provide the Plans and Development Staff with a statement of R&D support required for improved information handling techniques and your recommended courses of action. This information will then be included in the corresponding R&D programs which are presented to the TDB on a regular basis.


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